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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University has signed any agreement with the Rehabilitation Councibf India to cooperate in including various programmes to benefit the handicapped people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(a) the time by which it is likely to come into force;

(d) whether the Indira Gandhi National Open University grant degrees for the courses pertaining to handicapped people's rehabilitation studies; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (e): The Indira Gandhi National Open Universityand the Rehabilitation Council of India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 21st Sept. 2000 which envisage, inter- alia, promotion and implementation of extension, training and education programmes for empowerment of the special target groups of people with disabilities. This includes a certificate programme with the broad aim of enhancing awareness and imparting practical skills regarding various aspects of disability, specifically aimed at parents, child care functionaries and community workers, and a four year Bachelor's Degree Programme with the objective ofpreparing a trained cadre of professionals equipped to work with various categories of disability, besides an audio − video based motivational extension programme.